WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol is a unique organization, created in the dark days just prior to World War II, and which won undying fame during that conflict through its coastal patrol and other heroic civil defense missions; and,

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol, now a volunteer, civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, has continued to serve in the years since World War II whenever there has been a need; and,

WHEREAS, The organization now maintains a fleet of light aircraft which it uses in air search and rescue and on other humanitarian mercy flights, and assists during periods of disaster; and,

WHEREAS, This worthy organization helps promote American supremacy in the fields of aviation and space, and conducts comprehensive aerospace education and youth motivation programs; and,

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol has always been ready to serve community, state and nation, asking no reward other than the satisfaction of helping humanity; and,

WHEREAS, local members of Civil Air Patrol will join the thousands of other members in every state in the nation in celebrating the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the organization's founding on December 1, 1941:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 1, 1976, as

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in South Dakota and do hereby call upon the citizens of this state to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies honoring the men, women, and cadet members of Civil Air Patrol.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of South Dakota, this 22nd day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

R. F. Kneip

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE